(*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) There are 2 permanent cinema theatres in Trichur and 1 in Ernakulam.

DIWAN PEISHKAR—CASTE RESTRICTIONS, IF ANY, FOR APPOINTMENT

513. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any order, law, either written or unwritten, disentitling non-caste Hindus, X'ians, Muhammadans, etc., from occupying the office of the Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* There is no such order or law.

HARBOUR JETTY—RESTRICTIONS REGARDING LANDING BY NATIVES, ETC.

514. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that only gazetted officers and Europeans can take their private boats and launches to the jetty in front of the Administrative Office;

(*b*) if so, under whose orders is this practice legalised and the motive which prompted this;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware that even very respectable subjects of the State are thereby precluded from using this jetty in the ordinary course?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. Any *bona fide* representative may use the jetty if strictly on business affairs with the Port.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

PORT RAILWAY—RATES

515. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the rate fixed or proposed to be fixed for passengers and goods over the Port Railway (from Ernakulam to the Island) is the same as that usually charged by the South Indian Railway;

(*b*) if not, what is the rate fixed or proposed?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) The question of the fares to be charged on the Port Railway is only under consideration and no definite information can now be supplied.

VYPEEN-PALLIPPURAM ROAD—CONSTRUCTION OF

516. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how far the construction of the Vypeen-Pallippuram Road progressed;

(*b*) when did the Government decide to construct this Road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Metalling of the road from Narakkal to Ayyampilli has been done and four bridges have been put up in this section;

(*b*) In 1106.

517. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether any action, and if so, what, has been taken to fulfil the assurance given by the Chief Engineer at the last Budget Session of the Council that the construction of the Vypeen-Pallippuram road would be resumed from Azhikkal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes; urgent steps are being taken to start the work as early as possible.

THEKKUMBHAGAM VILLAGE—PROVISION FOR LANDING PLACE

518. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether any steps are being taken to open a landing place in the Thekkumbhagam village in its western side?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The subject is under the consideration of the Government.

PEPPATHIPARA ROAD—THURUTHIKKARA BRIDGES—WIDENING OF

519. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the two bridges at Thuruthikkara (തുരുത്തിക്കര) in the Mulanthuruthi Village along the Peppathipara road are not very narrow and whether the Government will be pleased to widen them?

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